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In Re Application of : September 13, 2004  
E. S. Eleftheriou, et al : Group Art No.: 2133  
Serial No. 09/902,859 : Examiner: Shelly Chase  
Filed: July 11, 2001 : IBM Corporation  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
LOW DENSITY PARITY CHECK  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time, fee, and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 7.

Authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account 50-0510** in the amount of \$258.00 for the introduction of three new independent claims in excess of three. The total number of claims is unchanged.